



Texas Department of
Family and Protective Services
Prevention & Early Intervention

Prevention Task Force Report

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of services by the Department of Family and Protective Services, including child protective services and prevention and early intervention services.

SECTION 18. Subchapter C, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 40.078 to read as follows:

Sec. 40.078. PREVENTION TASK FORCE. (a) In this section, "task force" means the Prevention Task Force.

Prevention Task Force Membership

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Laying the Foundation for the Task Force

Child Maltreatment in Texas

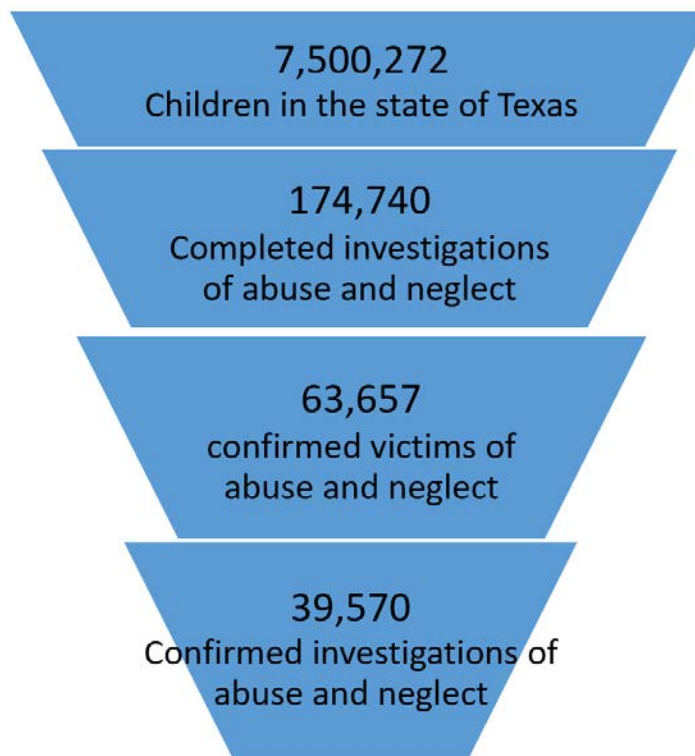
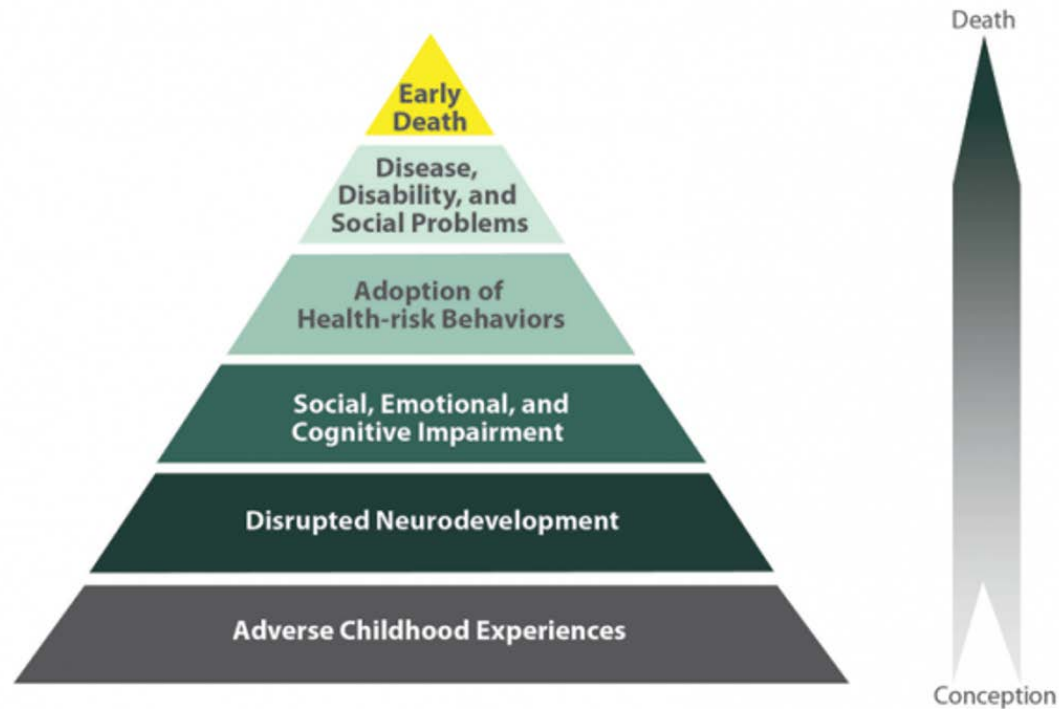


Figure 1 Source: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Data book



Childhood Adversity



Mechanism by Which Adverse Childhood Experiences
Influence Health and Well-being Throughout the Lifespan

Figure 2 Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Created 4 workgroups:

- Community Toolkit Subcommittee
 - Regional Children's Trust Fund and Finance Subcommittee
 - Developing a Prevention Framework Subcommittee
 - Elevating Early Brain Development Subcommittee
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Community Toolkit Subcommittee

Focused on developing a strategy for PEI to support communities in their collaborative efforts to align around child maltreatment prevention and the promotion of positive outcomes for children

Regional Children's Trust Fund and Finance Subcommittee

- Examined ways to create and finance broad community coalitions.
- Including research into similar governmental or public/private structures within Texas

Developing a Prevention Framework Subcommittee

- Outlined the strategic concept of a prevention framework PEI can utilize to guide its upstream prevention efforts
- Including identifying the need to build a strategic map that defines success,
 - identifying the role of the state in community based prevention efforts,
 - defining a continuum of prevention approaches communities can utilize to promote safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments.



Elevating Early Brain Development Subcommittee

Explored ways to infuse the importance of focusing on early brain development into the current landscape of prevention services

The Prevention Task Force Recommended focusing on

Developing a prevention framework to guide community readiness & action through:

- A framework that supports the overall continuum of care that contributes to resilient communities, families and individuals
 - Includes an outline for consistent messaging.
 - Lays the foundation for communities to build up their prevention strategy.
 - Identifies the role of the state in community-based prevention efforts.
 - Assists communities in developing an action plan on how deploy prevention strategies in their community.
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The Prevention Task Force Recommended focusing on

Exploring the financial potential of the children's trust fund & other governing structures and financing opportunities for communities to maximize all available resources through:

- Exploring the creation of a community network across Texas
 - Exploring the creation of a “Statewide Prevention Network”
 - Assisting communities in the development/establishment/coordination of networks.
 - Designating and funding local networks through a grant process.
 - Providing peer to peer learning and support opportunities.
 - Considering options for public and private funding
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The Prevention Task Force Recommended focusing on

Developing a community tool kit to empower action at the local level through:

- Providing a structure for local communities to develop a set of Guiding Principles
 - Leveraging local needs (or coalitions) and assets
 - Provide data to help inform the process
 - Provide ways to ensure community accountability
 - Creating a menu of technical assistance supports PEI can offer to communities to support local collaborative efforts.
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The Prevention Task Force Recommended focusing on

Elevating early brain development & early childhood as the premium opportunity for prevention efforts through:

- Identifying best practices, promising practices and/or current evidence-based practices in addressing early brain development
 - Outlining the role of community, state, and federal partners
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The Prevention Task Force Recommends focusing on

Expanding prevention programming to align with the data-driven, risk-based growth strategy for prevention through:

A request for increased funding during the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 biennium.



EXPANSION APPROACH

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Prevention and Early Intervention

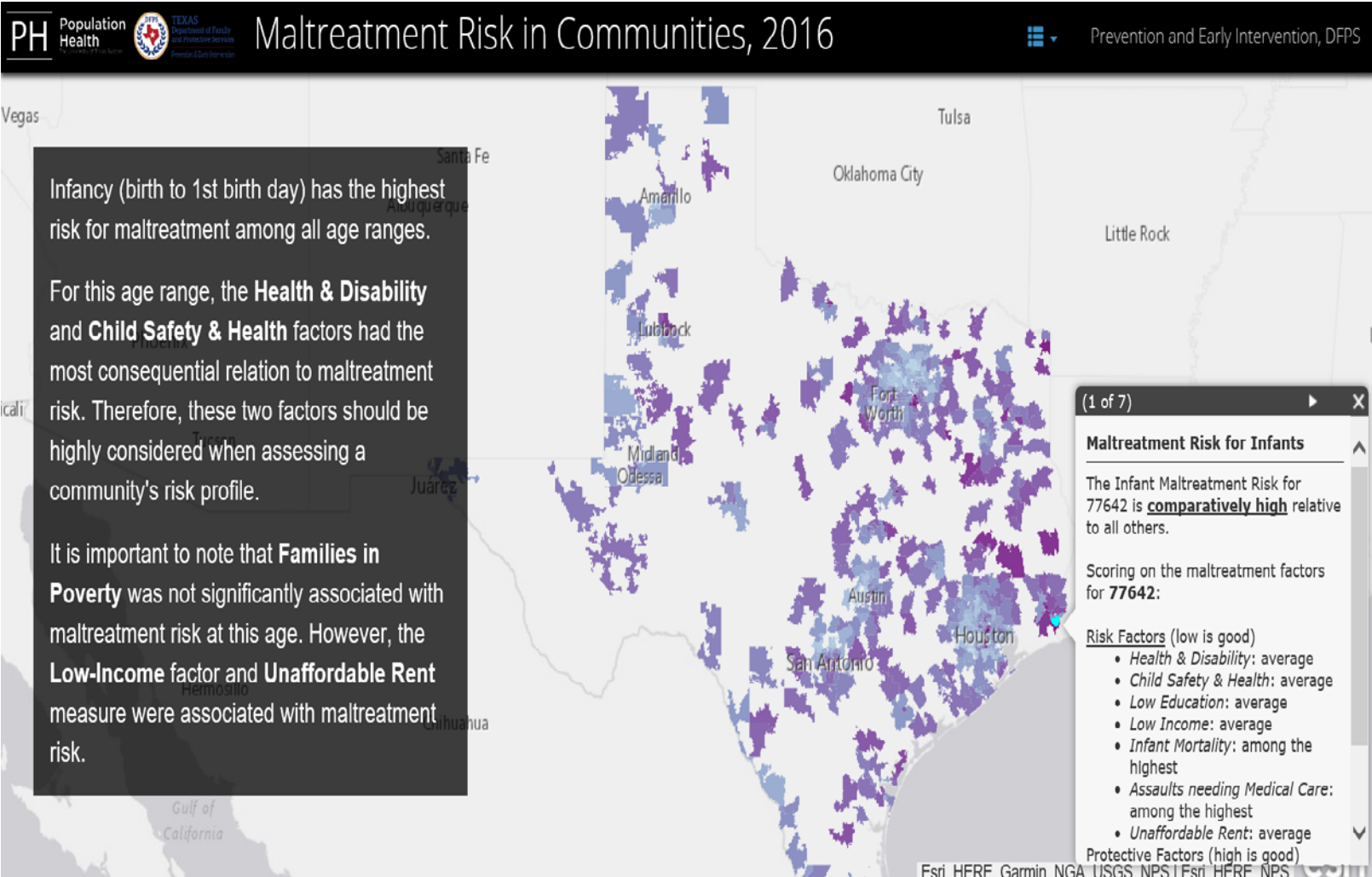


Sec. 265.005. STRATEGIC PLAN. (a) The department shall develop and implement a five-year strategic plan for prevention and early intervention services. Not later than September 1 of the last fiscal year in each five-year period, the department shall issue a new strategic plan for the next five fiscal years beginning with the following fiscal year.

(b) A strategic plan required under this section must:

(1)

(8) ***identify strategies and goals for increasing the number of families receiving prevention and early intervention services each year, subject to the availability of funds, to reach targets set by the department*** for providing services to families that are eligible to receive services through parental education, family support, and community-based programs financed with federal, state, local, or private resources



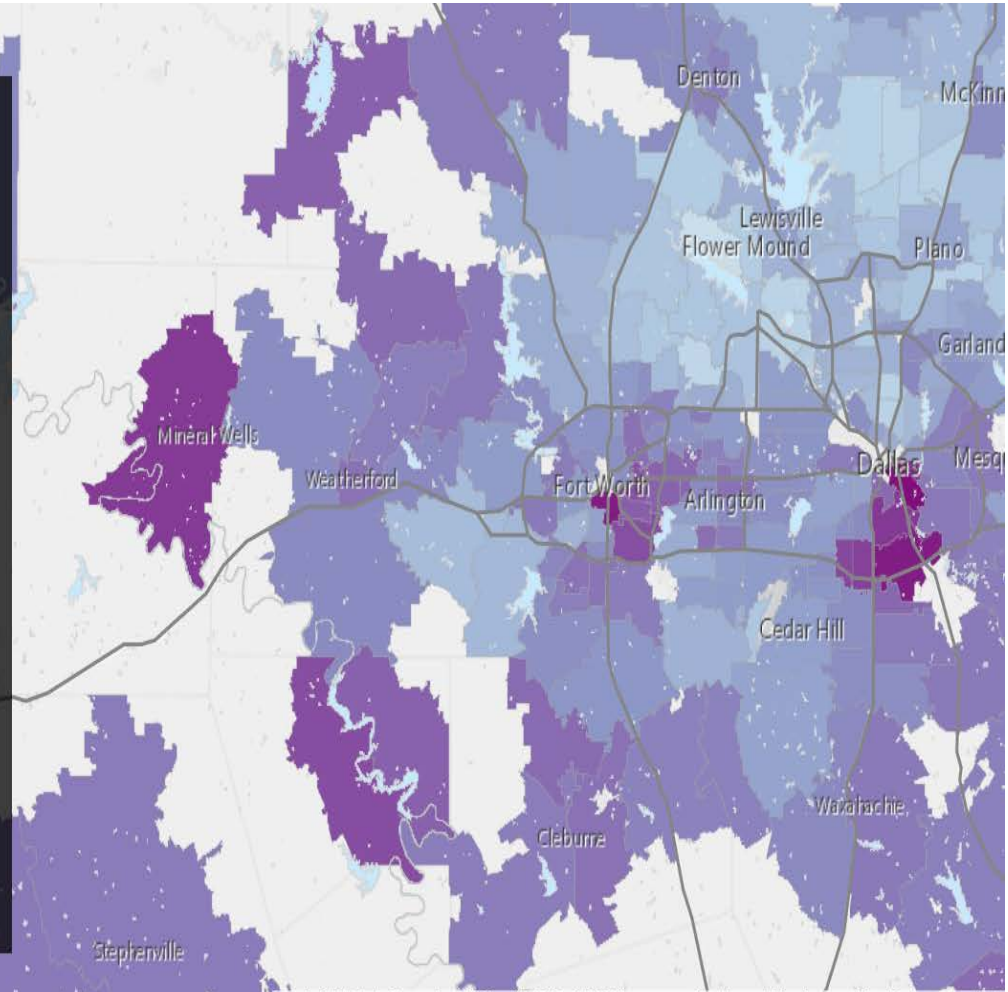


Growth Strategy Maps

Infancy (birth to 1st birth day) has the highest risk for maltreatment among all age ranges.

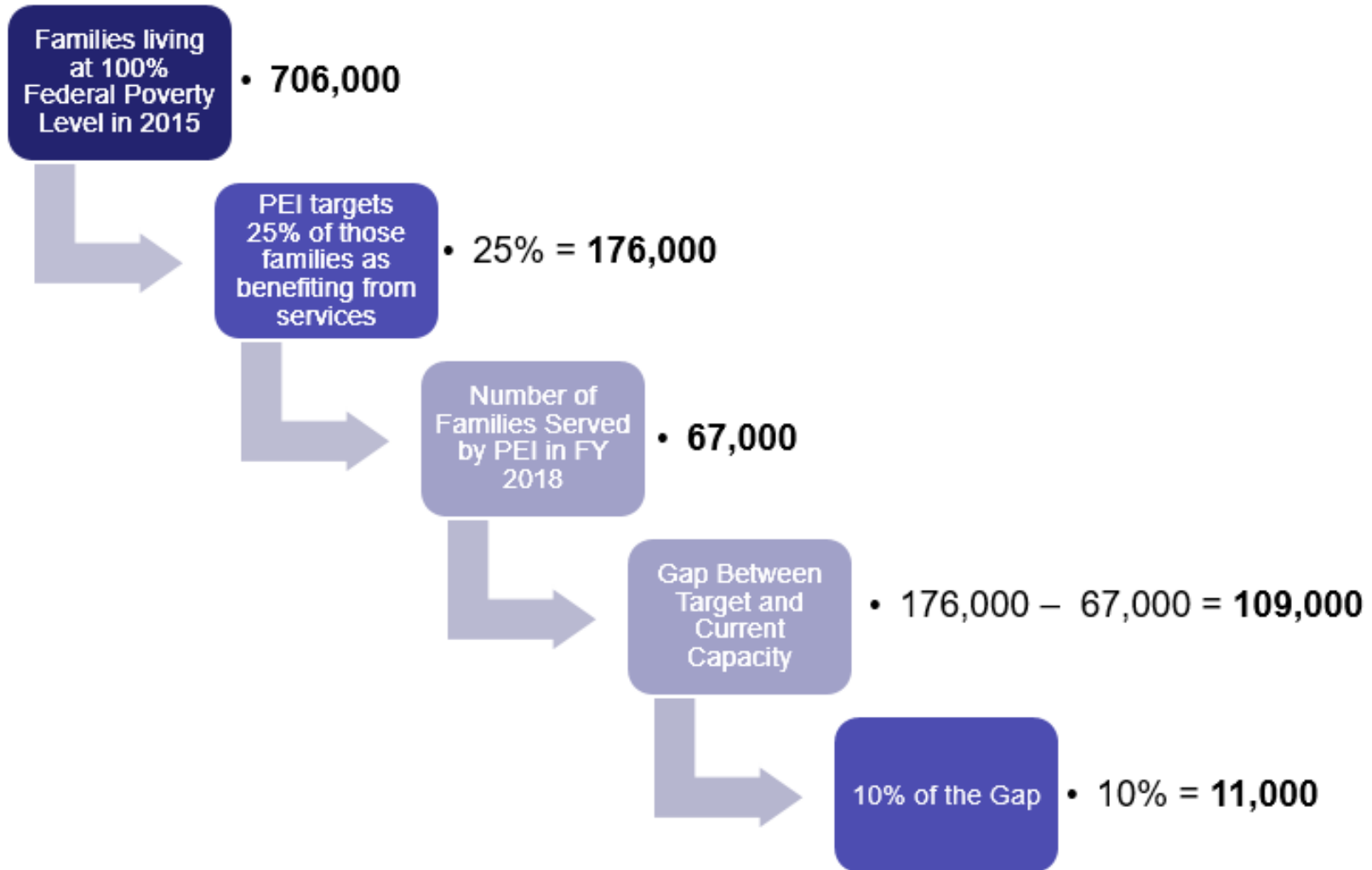
For this age range, the **Health & Disability** and **Child Safety & Health** factors had the most consequential relation to maltreatment risk. Therefore, these two factors should be highly considered when assessing a community's risk profile.

It is important to note that **Families in Poverty** was not significantly associated with maltreatment risk at this age. However, the **Low-Income** factor and **Unaffordable Rent** measure were associated with maltreatment risk.





FY20-FY21 DFPS PEI Exceptional Item Request Growth Strategy



FY20-FY21 DFPS PEI Exceptional Item Request

Program	FY19 Capacity	LAR Requested Increase in Capacity	Increase in Capacity (percent)	Biennium Request	Increase in Funding (Percent)
STAR Services to At-Risk Youth	19,086	6,000	31%	\$9,228,000	19%
CYD Community Youth Development	17,040	4,100	24%	\$4,083,600	24%
HOPES Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support	4,660	1,200	26%	\$9,955,634	22%
NFP Nurse Family Partnership	2,725	550	20%	\$5,531,800	18%



EXPANDING PREVENTION PROGRAMMING

Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR)

The STAR program provides individual and family crisis counseling, youth and parenting skills classes, and short-term emergency respite care.

- Serves families in all 254 Texas counties with youth through 18 dealing with conflict at home or school, behavior issues, delinquency or runaway history.
- Families are commonly referred to STAR by school staff, friends and other family, including those who have used STAR.
- Families generally participate in STAR for 3-6 months.

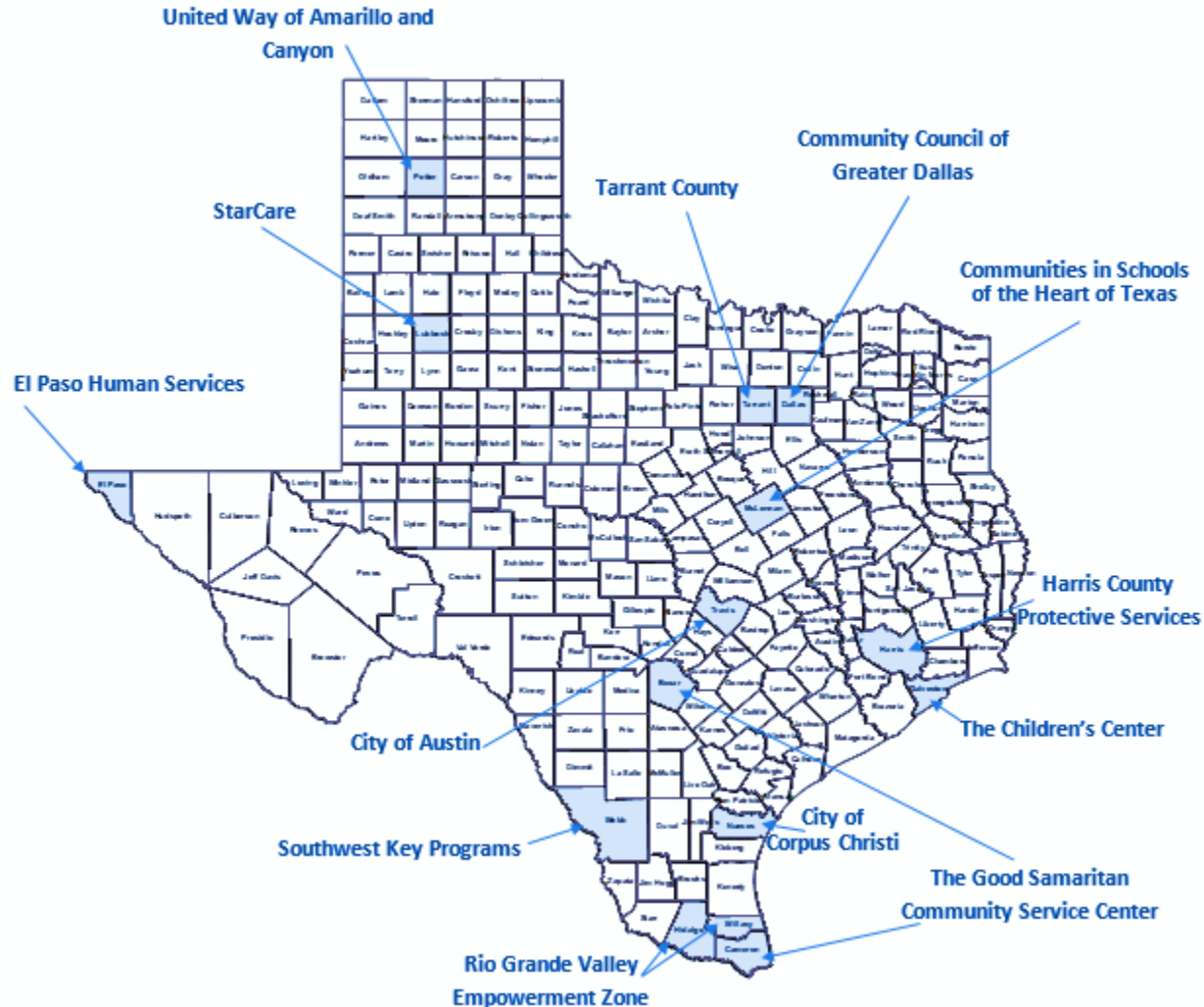
Community Youth Development (CYD)

CYD provides services in targeted ZIP codes to promote protective factors and prevent negative outcomes, such as juvenile delinquency, by funding local programs.

- Serves youth ages 6-17 in 15 Texas counties.
- Youth most commonly referred by parents, school staff and word-of-mouth in the community.
- Youth generally participate for 3-12 months, may participate in the program year after year, as programs are encouraged to foster long-term participation.



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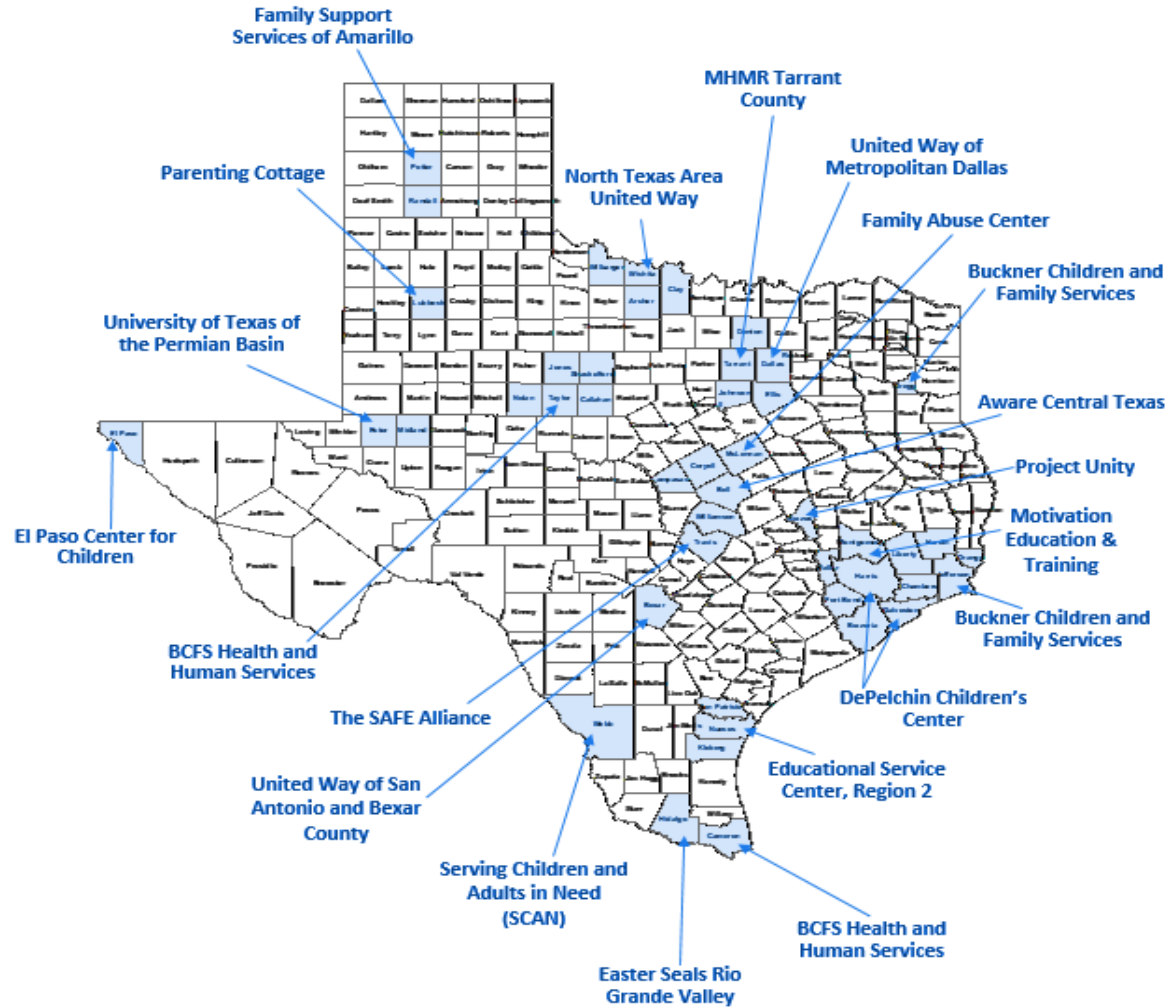
Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support (HOPES)

HOPES is a flexible, community-based approach to child abuse and neglect prevention in high-risk counties by increasing protective factors of families served.

- Serves families in 55 Texas counties with children ages 0-5 at risk for abuse and neglect.
- Families are commonly referred to HOPES by community organizations, clinics, school districts, or self-referral.
- Families generally participate in HOPES services for 3-12 months.



Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support (HOPES)



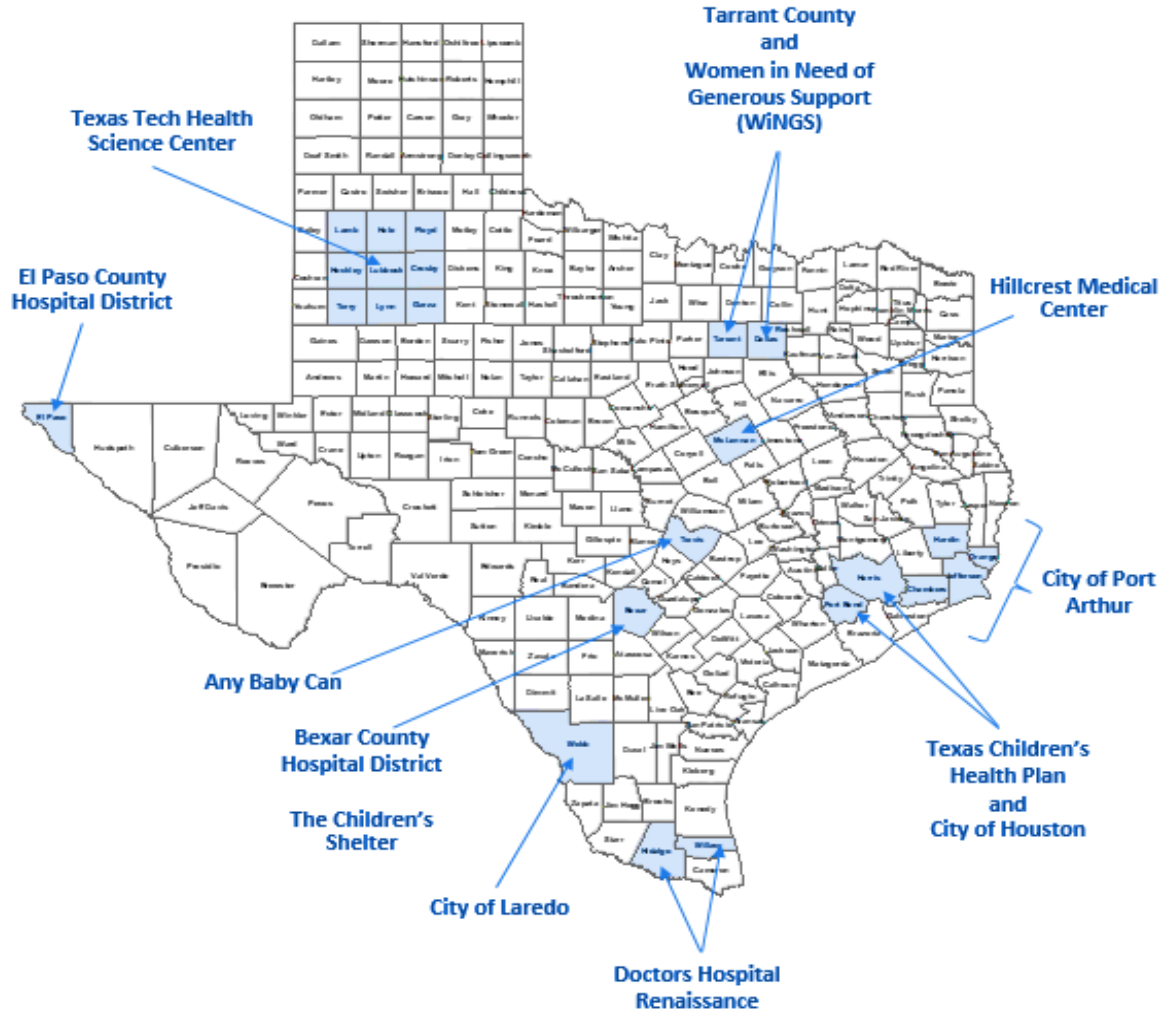
Texas Nurse Family Partnership (TNFP)

TNFP is a voluntary program in which registered nurses regularly visit the homes of low-income women pregnant with their first child. Families must start services with TNFP by their 28th week of pregnancy and can receive services until the child reaches two years of age.

- Serves expecting parents, new parents, and caregivers of children under the age of 2.
 - Families are commonly referred by WIC, community clinics, school districts, and health plans.
 - Families generally participate in TNFP services for 2 years.
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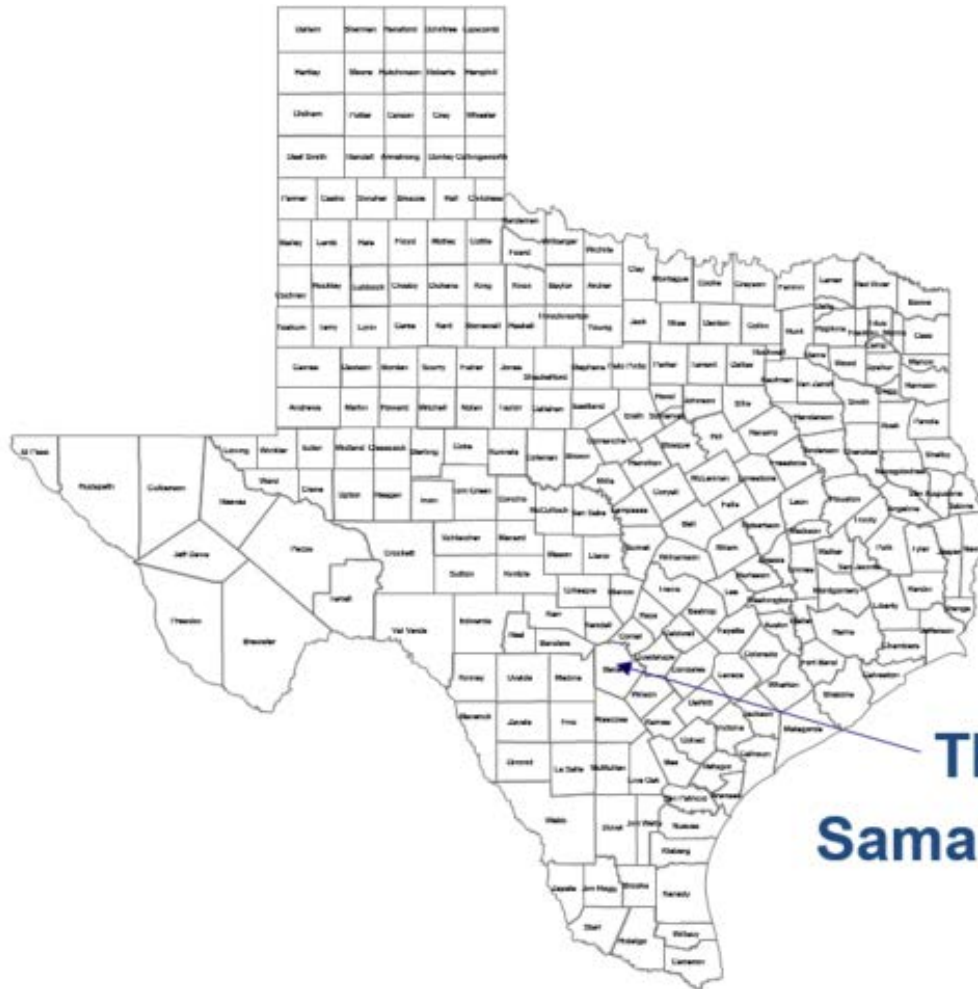


Texas Nurse Family Partnership (TNFP)





COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



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Samaritan Center,
Bexar**

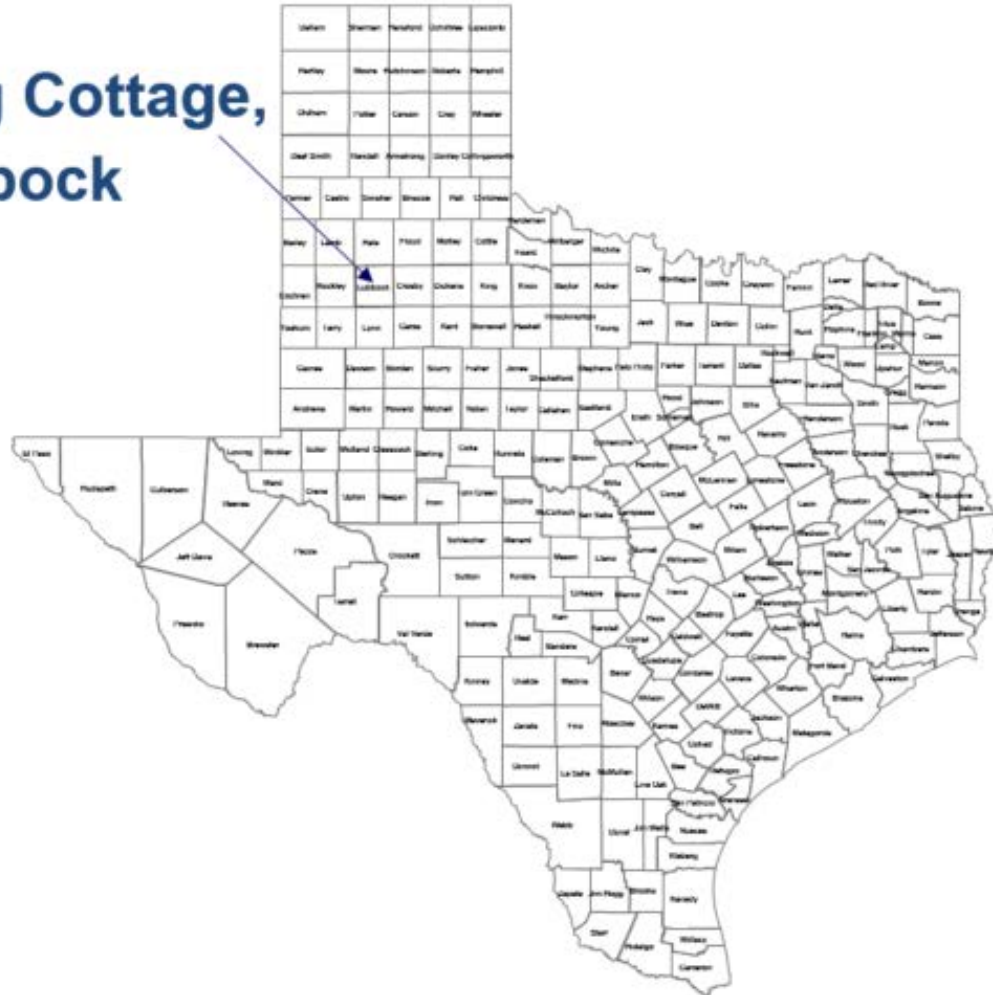


Child Crisis Center of El Paso, El Paso





Parenting Cottage, Lubbock

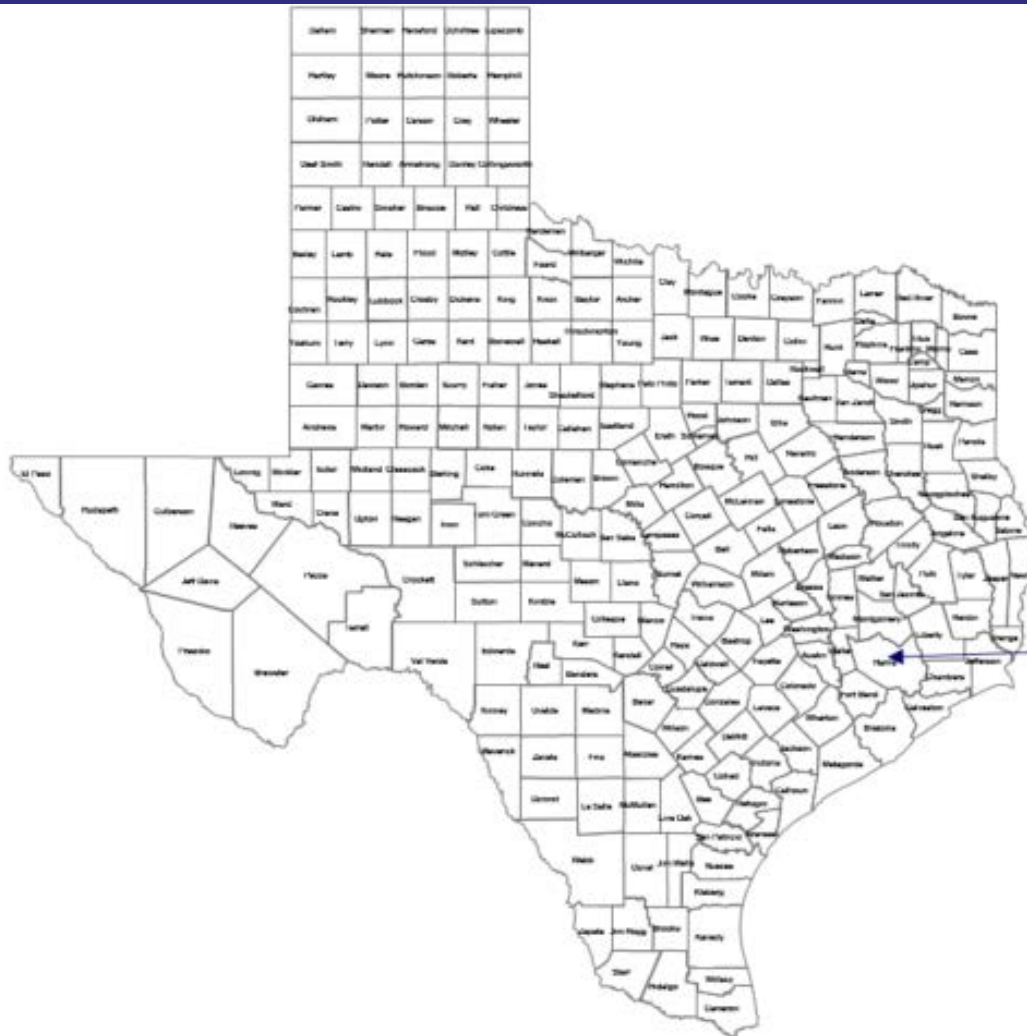




HOPES/NFP

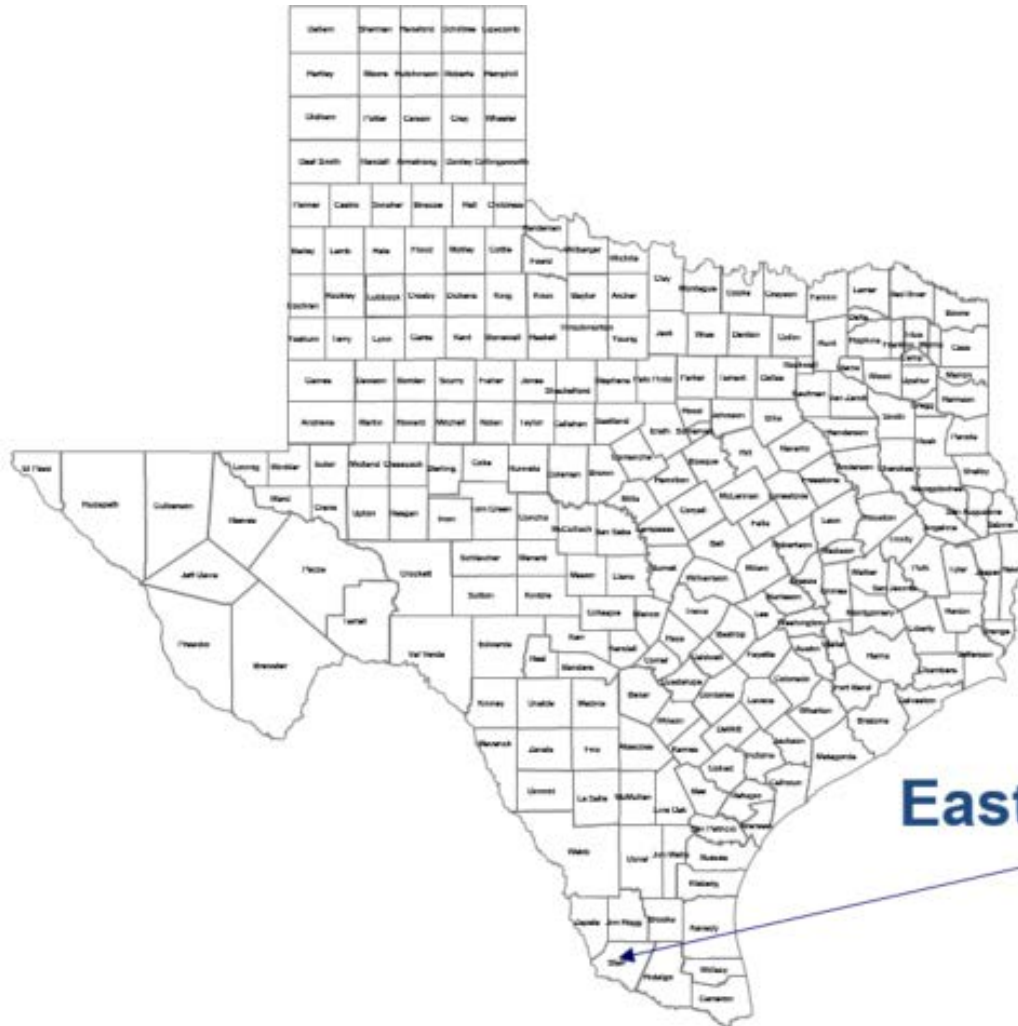


**United Way for
Greater Austin,
Travis**



**DePelchin,
Harris**





**Easter Seals RGV,
Starr**



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THANK YOU!

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